California State Board of Optometry
Licensure Requirements at a Glance

In California, licensed optometrists are required to notify by the State Board of Optometry of every location at which they practice or intend to practice optometry.   This chart is provided to explain how to comply with the various licensure requirements.

License Type	Description	Application Fee	Renewal Intervals	Renewal Fee	Comments
Optometric License (OPT)	License to practice optometry in California at designated "principal place of practice." May be owner or employee of the location.	$275.00	Every 2 years at end of birth month	$300.00	Initial license expires year following licensure at end of birth month. CE & CPR required upon renewal (except first time renewals). $25.00 delinquent fee.
Statement of Licensure (SOL)	Required for every location **employed** as optometrist in addition to "principal place of practice."	$20.00	Same time as optometric license	No fee	Cancel SOLs, if no longer employed at the locations to which the SOLs were issued by notifying Board in writing.
Branch Office License (BOL)	Required for second and third optometric practices **owned** by optometrist.	$60.00	Yearly on February 1st	$60.00	Reapply for change in ownership or location. $25.00 delinquent fee.
Corporate License (CORP)	Required for all optometric corporations registered with the Department of Corporations under the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act.	$100.00	Yearly on May 31st	$50.00	Special Report required to change officers, shareholders, and/or name ($15.00 fee).
Fictitious Name Permit (FNP)	Required if fictitious name used in connection with the practice of optometry.	$10.00	Yearly on January 31st	$10.00	Reapply for change of ownership. $15.00 delinquent fee.

All forms and applications are available at http://www.optometry.ca.gov/forms/index.htm.

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